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1. On 1 September 1955, the following shipments were observed in Magdeburg -
Rothensee:

1540. Seven converted boxcars with KVPs wearing red collar patches, 19 trucks with equipment, 1 ambulance, 1 sedan and field kitchen from the direction of Stendal toward Koethen; train

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1900. Ten converted boxcars with KVPs, 18 x 37-mm canvas-covered AA guns, 29 trucks, 1 ambulance, 1 sedan, motorcycles and 1 field kitchen from the direction of Stendal to Koethen; train

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2. In late July, the installation on Dr Kurt Fischer Allee in Dresden was occupied by a KVP unit. Personnel observed wore yellow-bordered black and dark blue collar patches. ²

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3. On 16 August, the bulk of the KVP soldiers stationed in the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg were stationed in Nochten for training purposes. Noise of tank engines was repeatedly heard from the road from Graustein toward Nochten.

4. In late August, the KVP installation on Weimarische Strasse in Erfurt was occupied by some 1,000 KVP's. Intensive driving school practices were observed. ³

5. Between mid-August and mid-September, KVP exercises were held at the training grounds near Hermsdorf in the area of the former ammunition depot. It was learned that KVP soldiers from the Gera-Erfurt area participated in these exercises. Staff officers from Berlin were allegedly also involved. The unit was supplied from Gera. Some of the motor vehicles observed belonged to the KVP installation "Technische Werke" in Gera and others to Erfurt. Soviet soldiers with 10 x 100-mm AT guns were also observed in the training area. ⁴

6. On 22 September, the Technische Werke in Gera were occupied to capacity by KVP soldiers. Trucks with KVPs continually went to the Hermsdorf training grounds for target practice.

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7. During the nights of 10/11 and 11/12 August, the KVP infantry regiment from the Artillerie Kaserne in Weissenfels left for exercises in Thuringia and reportedly returned on 2 September. On 24 September, the ~~installation was damaged~~ by an infantry and an artillery unit. The ~~infantry unit was allegedly~~ to transfer again to a training grounds. No ~~heavy weapons were observed~~. ^{4 and 5}
8. On 18 August, approximately 200 KVP soldiers with motorboats and pontoons conducted an exercise on the Elbe River near Borschuetz under the supervision of a Soviet officer. Trucks with light bridge building material were seen on the bank of the river. ⁶
9. On 15 August, a four-mast tent was seen on the bank of the Elbe River at the engineer training site south of Muehlberg/Elbe. Some 50 KVP soldiers were sitting in front of the tent. A considerable number of small pontoons and folding pneumatic rafts were stored nearby. On 18 August, the unit engaged in the assembling of pontoons. A motorboat and a pontoon with outboard motor practiced driving. The KVP engineer unit with the large steel pontoons was presumably no longer stationed at the training grounds. ⁶
10. After 15 July, training activities in the Nochten area increased considerably. Fire from artillery pieces and machine guns was continually heard. ⁷
11. Between 12 and 30 July, a total of about 40 trains for KVP were to be dispatched, since major exercises were scheduled to be held in the Uhyst area between late July and late August. ⁷
12. [redacted] the following KVP shipments were dispatched on 19 August: train [redacted] of 5 boxcars and 9 flatcars with sideracks from Uhyst to Erfurt and train [redacted] of 1 boxcar, 4 other cars and 10 flatcars with sideracks from Uhyst to Halle. ⁷
1. [redacted] Comment. AAA units of the corps, presumably elements of the AAA Regt Leipzig, were retransferred from the Wustrow and Zingst firing ranges. [redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment. In addition to the signal battalion, the installation was believed to quarter other units of the Mecz Div Dresden.
3. [redacted] Comment. The installation mentioned is believed to be the Henne Kaserne in Erfurt, which, among other units, is assumed to quarter the driving school of the Mtz Rifle Div Erfurt. On the other hand, it is also possible that these units - as was observed in the area of Korps Nord - conducted their own driving practices, while the driving school of the division may have been employed otherwise. [redacted]
4. [redacted] Comment. The Hermsdorf training area is believed to be used by KVP units, as well as Soviet units, from the Gera post. The 3d Mtz Rifle Regt Gera of the Mtz Rifle Div Erfurt probably conducted exercises in this area from a summer camp. The exercises were inspected by officers of the administration, training and inspection sections of the MdI/KVP. It is possible that Soviet units, presumably the 308th Arty Brig from Gera, participated in some of the exercises. The 3d Mtz Rifle Regt Weissenfels of the Mtz Rifle Div Halle may have also been stationed in this area.
5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] units of the Mecz Div Eggesin

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were to detach vehicles and officers as umpires for a Soviet fall exercise in Saxony on 23 September. Preparations for a Soviet fall exercise in this area started a short time earlier. Elements of the Mtz Rifle Div Halle may have also participated.

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6. Comment. This was presumably the Engr Bn Zeithain of the Mtz Rifle Div Halle. Between 18 July and 10 August, the water training site may have been utilized by the Engr Bn of the Mecz Div Dresden or the corps, rather than the Engr Bn Zeithain.

7. Comment. Uhyst is located at the southern edge of the Nochten firing range and training grounds, which is used every year by elements of the corps, predominantly the Mecz Div Dresden. See paragraph 3 of the present report.

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